

154.22 of its regulations, 18 CFR 154.22, so that this rate reduction can be made effective on less than thirty days notice. Alabama-Tennessee also requests the Commission to grant any other waiver of its regulations that may be required in order to accept and approve Alabama-Tennessee's filing as submitted.

Alabama-Tennessee states that copies of the tariff filing have been served upon the Company's affected customers and interested public bodies.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make protestants a party to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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Order Granting Extension of Time

April 5, 1996.

In the matter of High Country Resources, Glacier Energy Company, The Cascade Group, Scott Paper Company and Washington Hydro Associates, Cascade River Hydro, Washington Hydro Development Corp., Skagit River Hydro, and Washington Hydro Development Corp.

On February 12, 1996, counsel for Cascade River Hydro, Skagit River Hydro, and Washington Hydro Development Corp. filed a motion requesting a 60 day extension of time for filing reply comments to fish and wildlife agency recommendations and terms and conditions for projects proposed in the Skagit River Basin, Washington. Because the reply comment due date of March 29, 1996 has already passed, I am granting an extension of time. However, it will not be for the full 60 days requested.

These movants also request that late-filed fish and wildlife agency letters containing recommendations and terms and conditions be considered under Section 10(a) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), pursuant to section 4.34 of the

Commission's regulations.¹ Further, they request that a new schedule for filing comments be established under Section 10(a) of the FPA.

In a letter dated October 20, 1995, participants were requested to file recommendations and terms and conditions pursuant to Sections 4(e), 10(a), and 10(j) of the FPA, and prescriptions pursuant to Section 18 of the FPA by December 4, 1995. Any reply comments were due January 3, 1996.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife filed timely recommendations and terms and conditions on December 4, 1995. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) filed late terms and conditions and prescriptions on December 11, 1995. In a notice issued on January 29, 1996, the Commission, among other things, extended the time for filing reply comments until March 29, 1996.

The movants contend that they cannot fully comment on the proffered recommendations, terms, and conditions unless they know whether the Commission will treat those untimely filed as recommendations pursuant to Federal Power Act Section 10(a) or Sections 10(j) and 18. I disagree. The movants need only provide comments on whether they accept or oppose the recommendations, terms and conditions, and state the reasons therefore. The Commission's ultimate decision concerning the status of these recommendations need not be decided in order for the movants to assess their merit.

Therefore, there is no need to establish a new filing schedule pursuant to Section 10(a). Because the March 29 reply comment deadline has passed, I will allow the movants an additional 30 days to file those comments.

The Director orders:

(A) The deadline for filing reply comments to fish and wildlife agency recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions is extended 30 days from the issuance date of this order, and the request for a new schedule for filing reply comments under section 10(a) of the FPA is denied.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of issuance of this order, pursuant to 18 CFR Section 385.713.

Fred E. Springer,

Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing.

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[Docket No. CP96-282-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

April 5, 1996.

Take notice that on March 27, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP96-282-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.211) for authorization to construct and operate a sales tap to render service to an existing firm transportation customer, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (Distribution) under National's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National proposes to construct and operate a new sales tap on its Line VM-72 in Elk County, Pennsylvania. The proposed annual quantity of gas at this sales tap is about 500 Mcf and is within the certificated entitlements of the customer. This tap will provide service to Distribution under National's EFT Rate Schedule. The estimated cost is \$2,400, for which National will be reimbursed. The proposed sales tap will have a minimal impact on National's peak day or annual deliveries and there is sufficient capacity to accomplish deliveries without detriment or disadvantage to its existing customers. National states that its existing FERC Gas Tariff does not prohibit the addition of new sales taps or delivery points.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for

¹ 18 CFR 4.34.